

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A resin composition characterized by comprising a biodegradable resin and an organically modified layered silicate, the organically modified layered silicate comprising a layered silicate and in which a substituted silyl group, the substituted silyl group bonding to the layered silicate and comprising having a substituted or non-substituted alkyl group bonds to, and the layered silicate comprising a silanol group on a surface thereof.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The resin composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein characterized in that the substituted silyl group further comprises [[has]] a substituent selected from the group consisting of an amino group, an epoxyethyl group, an epoxyethyloxy group, a vinyl group, an isopropenyl group, a 1-phenylvinyl group, a 4-vinylphenyl group, an isocyanate group, and a hydroxyl group.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The resin composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein characterized in that the substituted or non-substituted alkyl group is a substituted alkyl group, wherein the substituted alkyl group comprises [[has]] a substituent selected from the group consisting of an amino group, an epoxyethyl group, an epoxyethyloxy group,

a vinyl group, an isopropenyl group, a 1-phenylvinyl group, a 4-vinylphenyl group, an isocyanate group, and a hydroxyl group, and the which substituent bonds to a terminal of the alkyl group.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The resin composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the number of carbon atoms contained in the alkyl group is 3 or greater and 18 or less.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The resin composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the substituted or non-substituted alkyl group is a substituted first alkyl group, ~~wherein~~ the substituted first alkyl group comprises a substituent has an atomic group selected from the group consisting of an amide linkage, an ester linkage, an N-oxymethyleneamino group, and an N,N-di(oxymethylene)amino ~~N,N'-di(oxymethylene)amine~~ group, ~~the substituent which atomic group~~ bonds to a terminal of the first alkyl group, and the substituent comprises ~~atomic group~~ has a substituted or non-substituted second alkyl group.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The resin composition as claimed in claim 5, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the substituted or non-substituted second alkyl group is a substituted second alkyl group, ~~wherein~~ the substituted second alkyl group comprises ~~[[has]]~~ a substituent selected from the group consisting of an amino group, an epoxyethyl group, an epoxyethyloxy group, a vinyl group, an isopropenyl group, a 1-phenylvinyl group, a 4-

vinylphenyl group, an isocyanate group, and a hydroxyl group, and the which substituent bonds to a terminal of the second alkyl group.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The resin composition as claimed in claim 5, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the total of the number of carbon atoms contained in the first alkyl group and the number of carbon atoms contained in the second alkyl group is 3 or greater and 18 or less.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The resin composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the biodegradable resin is a polyester-based resin.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The resin composition as claimed in claim 8, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the polyester-based resin is poly(lactic acid).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A resin molded object, wherein the resin molded object is obtained by molding ~~characterized by being molded using the resin~~ composition as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 11 (New): A resin molded object, wherein the resin molded object is obtained by molding the resin composition as claimed in claim 2.

Claim 12 (New): A resin molded object, wherein the resin molded object is obtained by molding the resin composition as claimed in claim 3.

Claim 13 (New): A resin molded object, wherein the resin molded object is obtained by molding the resin composition as claimed in claim 4.

Claim 14 (New): A resin molded object, wherein the resin molded object is obtained by molding the resin composition as claimed in claim 5.

Claim 15 (New): A resin molded object, wherein the resin molded object is obtained by molding the resin composition as claimed in claim 6.

Claim 16 (New): A resin molded object, wherein the resin molded object is obtained by molding the resin composition as claimed in claim 7.

Claim 17 (New): A resin molded object, wherein the resin molded object is obtained by molding the resin composition as claimed in claim 8.

Claim 18 (New): A resin molded object, wherein the resin molded object is obtained by molding the resin composition as claimed in claim 9.

Claim 19 (New): The resin composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the layered silicate is selected from the group consisting of kanemite, makatite, magadiite, and kenyaite.

Claim 20 (New): A resin molded object, wherein the resin molded object is obtained by molding the resin composition as claimed in claim 19.